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Docket No. 2602/1F594-US1

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In re Application of: Kengo OCHI

For: PRODUCTION METHOD OF ABSORBENT BODY

DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

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This is a request for filing under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of a:

Continuation Divisional

application of the following pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/310,419 Filed: May 12, 1999

Of: Kengo OCHI

For: PRODUCTION METHOD OF ABSORBENT BODY

Examiner: S. YAO Group: 1733

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application as originally filed (along with a copy of the original Declaration). No amendments identified in the

declaration for this prior application introduced new matter. Please use this copy as the application and declaration for the present case.

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED, AFTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT

	Claims on File	Number Extra	Rate
Basic Fee			\$740.00
Total Claims	<u>12</u> - 20 = 0	0 x \$18	\$0.00
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Total Filing Fee			\$740.00
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3. A check in the amount of \$740 is enclosed.
4. Cancel claims 1-7.
5. Amend the specification as follows. On page 1, after the title, add the following paragraph (check one and fill in):

This is a [] continuation, [X] division, of application Serial No. 09/310,419, filed May 12, 1999 . Each of these prior applications is hereby incorporated herein by reference, in its entirety.

6. The prior application is assigned to: UNI-HEARTOUS CORPORATION
7. A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed.

8. Drawings are filed herewith
9. Applicant claims small entity status
10. Priority is claimed from
Country: Japan
Number: 10-128665
Date: May 12, 1998

The priority document

- was filed in the prior application
 is enclosed.

11. The Assignment

- was recorded at Reel 010098 Frame 0932 on 07/16/99
 is enclosed.

Date: January 3, 2002

Respectfully submitted,



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